

DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held on Monday 27th November 2023 via Zoom.

PRESENT

Fiona Mitchell (Chair)	Aileen Brown	Agnes Tallack	Irvine Burgess
Dawna Phillips	Vicky Tylsar	Helen Moncrieff	
Cllr Robbie McGregor (ex officio)	Cllr Bryan Peterson (ex officio)		

APOLOGIES

Cllr Alex Armitage (ex officio)	Cllr Allison Duncan (ex officio)
Ana Arnett (SIC)	

ABSENT

Allen Sinclair	Michael Duncan
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IN ATTENDANCE:

Shirley Leslie (Clerk)

23/69 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Robbie McGregor declared an interest in any planning matters.

23/70 MINUTE

The Minutes of the meetings held on 25th September 2023 and 30th October 2023 were adopted on the motion of Dawna.

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23/71 POLICE REPORT

There was no Police Report due.

23/72 MATTERS ARISING

1) Road Matters:

a) Robins Brae Bus Shelter Light: Dawna and Irvine reported that the light still doesn't appear to be working. The Clerk will chase the SIC for an update.

b) White Line Road Markings: This has now been completed.

2) Proposed Kirk Yard Bench: Nothing new to report.

23/73 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

There were no grant applications for consideration.

23/74 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

There was nothing new to report.

23/75 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Both Cllrs Robbie McGregor and Alex Armitage (via email) reported that at the Environment and Transport committee meeting today, it had been decided to conduct a process to gather community councils' input on what changes they felt should be made to speed limits in their areas. Robbie thought it would be into the new year before this takes place.

Vicky joined the meeting at 7:30pm

23/76 FAIR ISLE

Fiona reported that the fibre optic installation to all houses has now been completed and a 'switch on' date is awaited.

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23/77 COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEME REVIEW

It was noted that a Community Council Scheme Review drop-in event is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 28th November in the Cunningsburgh Hall. Responses to the first consultation period, which addresses the 'Plan of Community Council's Areas and Composition', must be submitted by 5pm on Friday 12 January 2024 and is open to the general public.

Fiona suggested that a special meeting of Dunrossness Community Council be held on Monday 18th December to discuss the Community Council's response to this consultation. This was agreed.

23/78 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) RNID event in Shetland:** Royal National Institute for Deaf People (RNID) are working on a new community service for Shetland, funded by the Scottish government, to support people who are deaf, have hearing loss or tinnitus and offering support and basic maintenance on NHS hearing aids. Free (no appointment required) drop-in events are being held at Islesburgh Community Centre, Lerwick on Tuesday 5th December from 2.30pm – 4.30pm and at the Living Well Hub, Bressay on Wednesday 6th December from 2.00pm to 4.00pm
- 2) ASCC Meeting:** The next meeting of the Association of Shetland Community Councils is scheduled to take place on Thursday 7th December 2023. Irvine had offered to attend on behalf of Dunrossness Community Council but would be pleased if any other members could join him. The Clerk will resend the meeting details to the members as requested by Fiona.
- 3) The Lookout, Sumburgh Head:** The official opening of 'The Lookout' at Sumburgh Head will take place on 1st December.
- 4) A970, Sumburgh Airport:** A member of the public had raised the dangerous issue of an area of flooding and standing water on the southbound lane of the A970, between the airport traffic lights, with the South Mainland Councillors and the Community Council. It was noted that the Community Council wrote to HIAL regarding this issue in August 2022 but are yet to receive a reply. Cllr Duncan had taken the matter to the SIC Roads Department and Barrie Scobie had replied with his thoughts on what the problem may be. Mr Scobie will contact HIAL to discuss how best to proceed to rectify this issue.

23/79 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 1) **Facebook:** It was reiterated that anyone wishing to have a comment on a Facebook post addressed by the Community Council must make representation direct to the Community Council via the Clerk or one of the Community Councillors. Points raised solely via Facebook will not be addressed at a Community Council meeting.

Cllr Robbie McGregor left the meeting

23/80 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

- 1) **2023/007/PPF - Siting of 2 Accommodation pods and small utility building including associated vehicular access and drainage infrastructure:** Following the Clerk's email to the SIC Planning ref the Community Council's concerns regarding the modification of the original planning application after the Community Council had submitted their response and the request for clarification on why the Community Council had not be consulted on a subsequent application which had been made with regard to the access road to the above proposed development, a reply had been received from Jack Wiseman, SIC Planning Officer. Part of Mr Wiseman's reply stated "*the extent of any re-consultation following receipt of amended plans is dealt with on a case-by-case basis based on the relevant issues (e.g. if changes are made to vehicular access arrangements, we may re-consult the Roads Authority). I was not the case officer for 2023/007/PPF however it appears that the amendments in that case were very minor changes to the internal access track. As this was viewed as being unlikely to raise any new issues that would affect the amenity of the area, and the community council had already raised no objection to the application, this will explain why the community council was not re-consulted on the amended drawings*". The members felt that the Community Council's main concern ie that this scenario (amendments to planning applications after the Community Council has submitted it's response) could happen again had not been picked up upon and therefore the Clerk was asked to write again clarifying this point.

With reference to the query regarding non consultation on the new access track, Mr Wiseman stated that, as case officer for this application, he "*did not consult the community council given the localised impacts of the proposed development- each and every application has to be assessed and determined on its own merits, meaning that it should be looked at as a standalone access track rather than considering it in conjunction with the pod development which has already been granted planning permission.*"

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- 2) **2023/280/PPF – Erect dwellinghouse with attached garage and air source heat pump, Site A, South Voe, Dunrossness by Mr Chris Medley:** There were no objections. It was noted that the Community Council had raised concerns regarding the lack of pavements/suitable verges for walkers/cyclists and the potential increase in traffic when outline planning permission had been sought for the development of this area. However, the Community Council is also keen to see the community grow.
- 3) **Retrospective temporary change of use of agricultural shed to gym, Shed at Williamsetter, Ellister, Bigton by Miss Shelby Hopkins:** There were no objections.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Chair

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 22ND JANUARY 2024.**